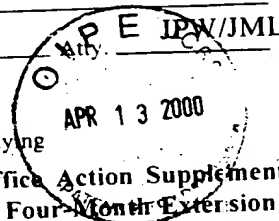


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Communication in Reply to November 17, 1999 Office Action Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and Petition for a Four-Month Extension of Time in connection with Ann Marie Schmidt and David Stern for METHODS FOR DETERMINING WHETHER A COMPOUND IS CAPABLE OF INHIBITING THE INTERACTION OF A PEPTIDE WITH RAGE, U.S. Serial No. 09/166,649, filed October 5, 1998, including Exhibits A through E, and 1-3, a check in the amount of \$680.00, and a Certificate of Mailing dated April 10, 2000.

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